

## **Riverview Park Community Association Dec. 12, 2012 meeting minutes**

**Present:** Carole Moulton, Nadine Chamorel, Paul Puritt, Karin Endemann, Kris Nanda, Stefan Dubowski, Marilyn Minnes, Dianne Hoddinott, Kris Nanda Patrick Meagher

**Absent:** Alan Landsberg, Sherry McPhail

**Next meeting:** Jan. 9, 2013, 6:45pm Cancer Wellspring House

### **Actions from meeting:**

- **Stefan** to develop minutes from annual general meeting
- **Stefan** to track down October meeting minutes
- **Kris** to send Claridge an itemized list of concerns where the community association would like the developer's support
- **Karin** to contact councillor Peter Hume about communicating with RPCA (see Parks, Rec & Environment update Nov. 14 meeting minutes)
- **Karin** to contact Hume to learn why RPCA wasn't notified about Coronation Park project
- **Carole** to ask Chris Mark about extra petty cash from last fall social
- **Sherry** to research street rep program options
- **Alan** to write proposal for nomination committee

1. **Called to order at 6:55 p.m.**

2. **Agenda approved with changes**

3. **Approval of October Board meeting minutes:** This has been deferred until the next Board meeting. Karin requested receiving minutes sooner so Board members have time to complete actions. Carole recommended changes to the November meeting minutes. Stefan implemented the changes. The Board approved the minutes with the changes.

4. **Presentations:**

**Bronwyn Funicello, school board trustee:** Bronwyn was scheduled to meet with the Board to discuss developments with respect to the Andrew Fleck proposal for a new HQ/ child care centre beside Riverview Park school. However, Bronwyn and Andrew Fleck representative Kim Hiscott sent a message indicating Bronwyn would not attend the Board meeting as there is nothing to report. The message indicated Andrew Fleck and the school board would have more information to present in February.

**David Graham, marketing director, Maplewood:** David discussed details of the Maplewood retirement community under development at 340 Industrial Ave., at the corner of Industrial and Neighbourhood Way:

- Maplewood is an "age in place" community: people continue to live in the building from independent living through residential care and assisted living. Once residents are beyond a "two-person lift" they must be moved to a

- different facility.
- The main floor has communal facilities such as an exercise pool, greenhouse and movie theatre. Residents don't have to leave the premises for anything.
  - The development is situated such that people can walk directly from Cancer Survivors' Park to Maplewood.
  - "This is a real contradiction, this area," David said. Riverview Park includes residential and industrial areas. The developer situated Maplewood close to the roads to shield and maximize space available behind the building.
  - The building likely will be 50 per cent leased by the July opening.
  - Family Physio is located in the building.
  - Rents ranging from \$2,700 to \$7,000 per month are inclusive except for phone, cable and Internet services.
  - Room designs are named after neighbourhood streets.
  - David mentioned that Oak Park, an existing retirement community, has space for meetings up to 100 people. The space is available for community events.
  - Originally the Maplewood development was supposed to be a high-rise building, but was scaled back.
  - Prospective tenants are just as concerned as Riverview Park residents are about the traffic situation at the corner of Industrial and Neighbourhood Way.
  - David noted that Riverview Park has undergone a lot of development along its edges over the last 10 years.
  - He said traffic from Maplewood residents, visitors and staff will be minimal. Only 10 per cent of residents move in with cars. Most eventually get rid of their vehicles because they find they don't need them.
  - A building of this size has 60 to 80 employees over three shifts. Shift changes don't happen during rush hours; they occur instead at 6:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.
  - Most (70 per cent) of the people applying to work at Maplewood live east of Alta Vista and south of Industrial, so they wouldn't add to the level of traffic at Industrial and Neighbourhood Way.
  - Maplewood is designed with 14 outdoor parking spots and an optional additional five spots.
  - Karin noted that the community association is particularly worried about visitors' traffic.
  - She suggested working with Claridge to urge the city to forbid left turns from Neighbourhood Way and from Maplewood's drive onto Industrial. David said he would relay that to his organization.
  - Kris said the association is trying to get better bus service along Industrial and Coronation. The association would like to enlist Claridge's help to convince the city to increase bus service on those streets.
  - David requested an itemized list of two or three things the association would like help with. Kris volunteered to provide the list.
  - David said he would let the Board know the name of the city official Claridge is working with.

## **5. Committee Reports:**

### **Parks, Rec & Environment (Carole Moulton)**

- Chris Khoury, a member of the Parks, Rec & Environment committee, attended

- the RPCA Board meeting to discuss the rink budget. He builds and maintains the Balena Park rink and coordinates the volunteers.
- Chris said the \$1,600 for maintenance and \$2,100 for rink supervision is money that the city specifies for skating rinks. If the rink runners need \$200 for shovels, there should be no question about the money from the board.
  - He said he is concerned the community association doesn't understand the costs of building, running and maintaining the rink.
  - The volunteers deserve more than they received last year, as they invest numerous hours in rink maintenance and development.
  - Plowing does help save substantial amounts of time for the volunteers.
  - Karin recommended using the Board email list to get more volunteers.
  - Chris said volunteers who do participate should be compensated. Volunteers were disappointed that the money went towards Fat Cats tickets.
  - Were the shovels purchased last year? No, Chris said.
  - Chris said most rink organizations use the funding from the city to outsource rink maintenance.
  - Carole said that if the rink runners need \$3,700 they should have it.
  - In future the Board will seek Chris's input before making financial decisions pertaining to rink development and maintenance.
  - Chris pointed out that according to the city guidelines for rinks, money for the skating party is supposed to come from the funds for the rink.
  - Karin said money for the rink will be set aside for the party.
  - Chris recommended allocating \$1,600 for the rink for the time being with the understanding that if any more is needed up to \$3,700 should be available.
  - Karin said money not used specifically for the rink still needs to be approved by the Board, even if the funds ultimately come from the money the city provides for the rink.
  - Patrick recommended that the Board sets aside the full \$3,700 for the rink and have the rink runners present receipts for purchases related to rink running for purchases, automatically approved up to \$3,700.
  - Carole moved for a budget of \$1,600 for maintenance plus \$2,100 for supervision of the Balena rink used by Parks, Rec & Environment committee in coordination with rink coordinator, with expenses to be submitted and accounted for at the end of the season, and with any surplus to revert back to the Board. Patrick seconded the motion. Approved.

### **Planning and Development (Kris Nanda)**

#### *a. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)/National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC)*

Budget 2013 was approved at City Council with money for AVTC. No new updates on design process for AVTC or on NDMC lands. For NDMC, Canada Lands and DND are still working through their internal obligations necessary to advance the disposition. The transfer is still anticipated to occur in late 2012.

#### *b. Proposal involving the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Riverview Alternative School and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS)*

P&D members felt that the proposal to have AFCCS access off of AVTC (through the woods) is not likely to reduce traffic on Knox Crescent and may in fact lead people to

use that route as an alternative residential street “cut through” to avoid Alta Vista and Riverside.

Trustee Bronwyn Funciello and AFCCS Executive Kim Hiscott scheduled to attend RPCA Board meeting December 12

*c. Casino at the Train Yards*

Following Marty Koshman’s acknowledgment that he was offering up the Train Yards (Terminal Avenue) as possible site for a casino, the RPCA and other individuals have written him strongly voicing opposition to that proposal and urging that he withdraw Train Yards from consideration. Lots of coverage in December 2012 issue of Riverview Park Review but no official reply from Marty to letter from RPCA (Karin).

RPCA (Kris) was contacted by Jon Legg, to see whether the community association could send a representative to a November 29 meeting to discuss participation in broader coalition opposed to casinos in Ottawa. Nobody from RPCA was able to attend.

*d. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex*

Construction continues on both buildings. The Russell Road 45-unit seniors’ housing residence is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by early January 2013. The other residence is slated for opening later in 2013.

*e. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd (Alta Vista Ridge)*

Construction continues on this site across from the Perley to allow mixed residential and commercial uses.

The Board is still waiting to hear back from the City on suggestions for addressing issues of vehicular congestion and pedestrian safety given the proximity of the Alta Vista Ridge entrance to that of the Perley Veterans Complex across the street and the Haig Road intersection.

*f. Train Yards*

Notional completion date for Farm Boy and LCBO is February/March 2013.

Increased traffic congestion at Train Yards continues to be a problem Still no response from RPCA request to the City to ensure that the complex is adequately serviced by public transit. Only increased bus service in the area is Route 106 (to the Hospital Complex) Still awaiting response from OC Transpo for rationale about reduced bus service on Industrial (and elimination of service on Lancaster).

*g. 700 Coronation*

The City has approved the site plan on the proposal to construct a new three-storey condominium building on the west side of the site with 31 units and two levels of underground parking (one level completely underground while the other is half below

grade). The presentation centre for the condos is now up – expected occupancy in 2014.

*h. Ottawa Neighbourhood Connection Office (NCO)*

RPCA did not submit a proposal to the Neighbourhood Connection Office Report program November 2012 intake. A resident of 700 Coronation had contacted RPCA to ask for more information and to see whether trees along Coronation would be an eligible project.

*i. Proposal for apartment or seniors residence at 340 Industrial*

Work is ongoing – presentation from Riverstone Retirement Home Marketing Director at December 12 RPCA Board meeting. (See Presentations above.)

*j. Input into Official Plan*

The City has begun the process for preparing the next Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan in 2013. There will be limited windows of opportunity for input and we are trying to get further information. This would be the opportunity to seek to remove AVTC roadway from the Plan. Still seeking further information on how and when the best opportunities are to provide this input.

*k. Other items*

Baseball Stadium: The City agreement in principle with Beacon Sports Capital Partners for a lease and renovation plan for the Ottawa Stadium that would bring a double A team to Ottawa for the 2014 season. However, finalization of the agreement has been pushed back from original date of January 1, 2013. Some observers have expressed concerns that the City will not undertake the necessary steps to finalize such an agreement. Recent articles in the paper have cast doubt on whether a deal will in fact be reached (now only 60-70% likely according to Beacon Sports). Work has apparently begun on the Footbridge across Hwy 417 that would link Tremblay Road with the Stadium/Coventry Road.

CAFES: RPCA had hoped to host an event in November/December 2012 but the more likely date is now mid February 2013 (Glebe CA may host). Meanwhile, CAs are being urged to write to the Mayor and Council to implement Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

Federation of Citizen's Associations (FCA): This group has scheduled the press conference on the four planning issues for Monday, Dec 17 at 9:30 am at the Hintonburg Community Centre. (RPCA earlier signed on to communique). Sheila Perry is one of the two FCA representatives who will be sitting on the City's advisory panel to provide input during the Official Plan update process in 2012-2013.

Sheila Perry is able to play role in official planning processes – some major issues – she proposes having a meeting with community associations to coordinate on input – could be an opportunity to battle AVTC.

**Communications (Sherry McPhail)**

Sherry didn't attend the December Board meeting but sent these updates via email:

- Marion transferred her knowledge on Comm, emails and the website to Dianne and me
- We posted 2 notices: one on garbage day info and one on the Carol Sing
- Sent out 1 email about the Carol Sing.

Dianne added that the committee met to discuss coordinating with Neighbourhood Watch.

**Membership Drive Committee (TBD)**

No update

**Treasurer report (Alan Landsberg)**

No update

**6. Reports from External Meetings**

None

**7. New Business**

Board members were surprised to learn that the City plans to rejuvenate Coronation Park. The City is looking for input from the community on the matter. Board members agreed it's important for Riverview Park residents to participate in the City's survey on the park project: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9VKVVGGM>. Karin said she would contact councillor Hume to find out why the RPCA wasn't notified about this project.

Paul requested support for the Urban Oasis Project in Elmvale. Moved by Kris, seconded by Stefan and approved. Letter to the City:

Riverview Park Community Association  
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Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 0Y5

December 9, 2012

Better Neighbourhoods Program Grant  
**Attention: Norma Strachan**  
Strategic Support Co-ordinator  
Policy Development & Urban Design Branch  
Planning and Growth Management Department  
110 Laurier West  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Ms. Strachan:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Riverview Park Community Association, to express my full support for the proposed “Urban Oasis Project” submitted by the Parent Council of Marie-Curie Public School to the Better Neighbourhoods Program.

This project would not only benefit the children and families who attend the school (many of whom live in our RPCA catchment area), but would be a boon for the neighbourhood as a whole. Colourful and ecological plantings of flowers, vegetables, plants and trees would increase the diversity of green space available in this neighbourhood, providing food and refuge for wild birds, butterflies, and other creatures. This is especially important in light of the felling of so many of our Ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

In addition, this urban park would provide a beautiful and peaceful place for local residents of all ages to take a stroll or sit and admire the beauty on a summer’s afternoon – instead of the ugly landscape of pavement and chain-link fencing which currently exists.

We urge you to support the “Urban Oasis Project” and turn this community eyesore into something that improves the aesthetics of our neighbourhood and to the well-being of our residents.

Train Yards response to community concerns: Marty Koshman responded to Karin’s letter expressing concerns about a casino development near the Train Yards retail complex. Karin said Marty seemed non-committal, that councillor Peter Hume had told him that every new transit spot is a potential casino site; and every location under consideration (aside from Rideau Carleton Raceway) would need to be rezoned. Marty said he had been approached by people involved in casino. He was told that another location being considered is the ballpark on Coventry Road. On other matters, Marty said the LCBO location will be open by just after Christmas. The Farm Boy grocery store will take longer. Lights at the intersection of Industrial and the new driveway into the LCBO and Farm Boy parking lot will be up and running by Christmas. He said Train Yards will add three new buildings on the north side of Industrial.

Karin found information indicating that the Board is incorporated. This information had been lost for a number of years.

## **8. Upcoming Events**

Carol sing: Nadine said the tree lighting is on track. The Board approved her list of songs.

Winter carnival: Carole said we need someone from the Board to join the Parks, Rec & Environment committee. She said an ad appeared in the most recent edition of the Riverview Park Review community newspaper. The carnival is scheduled for Feb. 3, 2013 at the Balena skating rink. Kris recommended reprising the toboggan party the community held last winter, perhaps at the end of February.

**9. Riverview Park Review Update**

Carole said the last edition had a 4,500 print run. The paper is short two delivery people at the moment.

**10. Adjournment:**

9 p.m.

***Date of next board meeting: 9 January 2013: Starting at 6:45***

***Board of Directors: Carole Moulton, Kris Nanda, Nadine Chamorel, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail, Stefan Dubowski, Patrick Meagher, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg, Marilyn Minnes, Dianne Hoddinott***